

# Hilton is to bring 150 new jobs to Limerick

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THE Hilton, the sixth new hotel to open in Limerick, is expected to create more than 150 jobs in Limerick when it opens early next year.

And the Absolute Hotel, which opens on December 28, will contribute another 90 jobs initially to the city.

Employment opportunity at the Hilton will exist across all areas of hotel operations including sales, catering, management and housekeeping when the hotel opens in February.

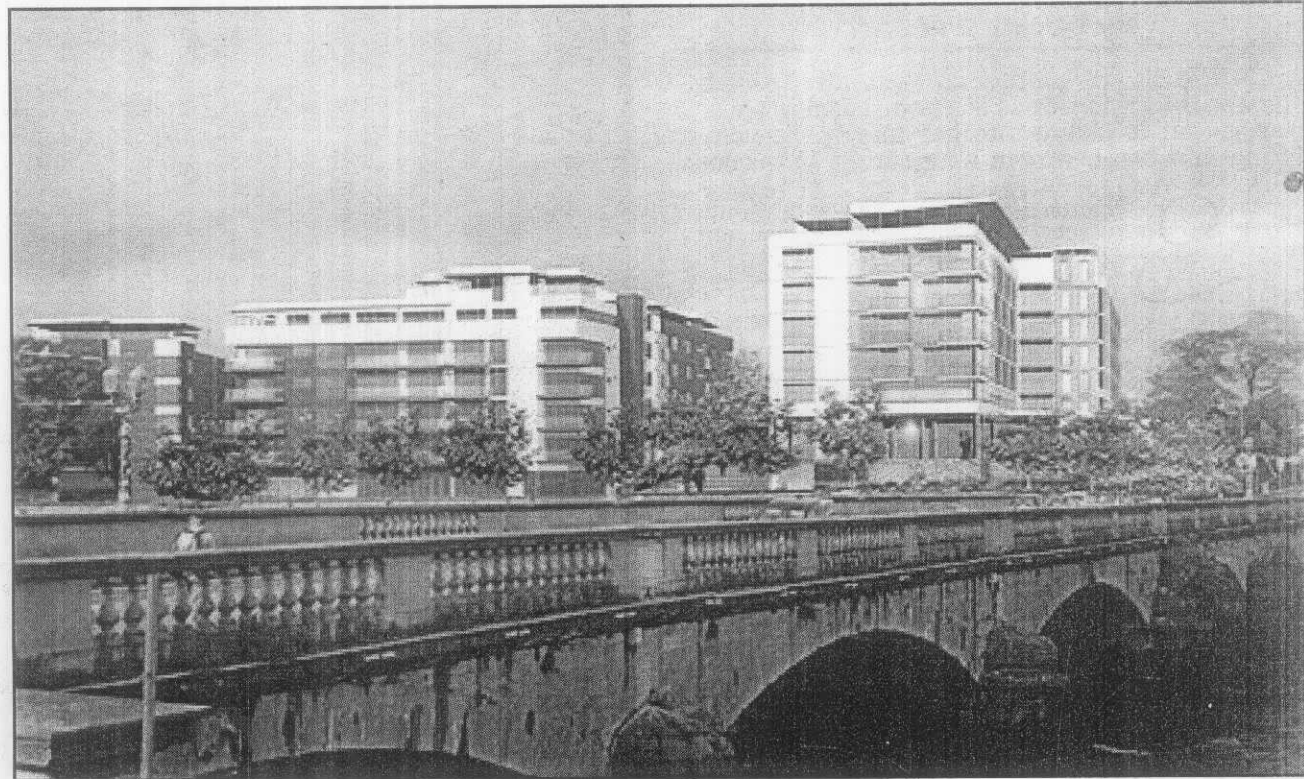
The €55 million 184-bedroom seven storey hotel occupies a focal point in Limerick City overlooking the River Shannon, at the corner of O'Callaghan Strand and Ennis Road.

"This hotel will reflect the new modern face of Hilton with smart and innovative design, and a focus on additional lifestyle features for guests to appreciate and enjoy. The Hilton Limerick has been designed with the business traveller in mind with its top class meeting and conference services whilst also appealing to local residents with its outstanding wedding, leisure and dining facilities. This new hotel opening is part of a continued development strategy for the Hilton brand in Ireland," said general manager Claire Anderson.

The new look Hilton reflects fresh, innovative and functional design, including the glass lift providing panoramic views of Limerick City—available from no other building, along with the highest level of service that's come to be expected from a Hilton hotel. The hotel will offer the full spectrum of business and leisure facilities, catering for the business traveller, weddings and conferences and the general accommodation and dining market also.

"We expect the hotel to be a very popular venue for weddings as we offer a grand ball room, presidential suite and an in-house wedding co-ordinator. We've already received a good number of bookings for 2007," said Ms Anderson.

The hotel was developed by one of Ireland's largest



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building contractors and property developers.

"The Limerick Hilton delivers to the city a top class hotel with modern and luxurious facilities. We appointed Hilton to operate the hotel because the company's reputa-

tion matches the high calibre we want for the project. Hilton is recognised globally as a pre-eminent hospitality brand synonymous with excellent service and a high quality product" said John Lally, Managing Director of Lalco.